Delhi-Dharmsala-Delhi — 3 flights/week

In addition, amongst the non-scheduled operators, Jagson Airlines is operating flights on Sector Delhi-Kullu-Delhi by DO-228 aircraft with a seating capacity of 18 passengers on seven days on public demand.

(c) and (d) The airlines operators keep constant watch on domestic traffic growth in respect of the routes concerned.

Flights from Cochin International airport

1639. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 408 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st August, 2001 and state:

(a) the names of the foreign airlines who have been given permission so far for operating flights from Cochin International Airport;

(b) whether it is a fact that many applications are still pending with the Ministry of Civil Aviation for want of clearance;

(c) if so, the names of the airlines; and

(d) the reasons for delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Kuwait Airways, Oman Air and Silk Air have so far been granted access to Cochin. Emirates Airlines of Dubai will also get access to Cochin effective September, 2002.

(b) to (d) Besides the airlines mentioned above, Gulf Air, Sri Lankan Airlines, Qatar Airways, Saudia, Yemen Airways, Aeroflot and Uzbekistan Airways have expressed interest to operate services to/from Cochin. Operation by foreign airlines from different airports in the country is reviewed from time to time and such requests are discussed during bilateral air services consultations, as and when held, with the countries of the airlines concerned.